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United States Patents

| <u>U.S. Patent No.</u> | <u>Patentee</u> | <u>Issue Date</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 3,248,253 | Barford et al. | 04-26-1966 |
| 6,648,972 | Stober et al. | 11-18-2003 |
| 6,624,413 | Klein | 09-23-2003 |

Foreign Patent Documents

| <u>Country</u> | <u>Foreign Patent No.</u> | <u>Patentee</u> | <u>Issue Date</u> |
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| FR | 1 312 830 | Commercial Plastics Ltd | 12-21-1962 |
| GB | 1 017 576 | Commercial Plastics Ltd | 01-19-1966 |
| DE | 198 36 022 | Weitmann & Conrad GmbH | 02-17-2000 |
| WO | 00/03092 | Valmet Corporation | 01-20-2000 |
| WO | 03/077371 (A2) | Metso Paper, Inc. | 09-18-2003 |
| WO | 03/077371 (A3) | Metso Paper, Inc. | 09-18-2003 |

Other Documents

International Preliminary Examination Report issued in PCT/FI03/00183

Copies of these documents are submitted herewith along with Form PTO/SB/08A and Form PTO/SB/08B.

Although US6,624,413 was not filed before the priority date of this application, to the extent it discloses that a corona treating machine uses an electrode roller having a dielectric coating formed of ceramic or silicone, such use is admitted to be old.

Applicant respectfully requests that these documents be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and appear among the "documents cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

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